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JURORS.

List of jurors drawn to serve at March term of court at McConnellsburg, beginning Monday March 16, 1903 at 2 o'clock P. M.

GRAND JURY.

- AYR.—Frank Duffy, Charles Nesbit, Abner McLucas. BELFAST.—M. Truax, Frank Layton. BRUSH CREEK.—T. H. Akers, DUBLIN.—G. W. Comber, Irwin Cook, James Stevens.

PETIT JURY.

- AYR.—U. G. Humbert, Wm. Keefer, Samuel Mellott. BELFAST.—Joseph B. Mellott, Carl Mellott. BRUSH CREEK.—Elijah Hoopengardner, Samuel Hart, Carey Layton, C. W. Spade, Lemuel Smith.

A CENTENARIAN'S SIMPLE LIFE.

Every human being who passes the century line of life, says the New York World, is naturally interesting. Miss Rachel Martense, of New York, who celebrated on Tuesday her 102d birthday, serene, smiling and in good health and spirits, is therefore a "human document" evidently worth reading.

Where her own analysis of her life may not be altogether correct it is at least interesting to know to what Miss Martense attributes her longevity. The chief facts of her life from this viewpoint seem to be these:

- 1. She lived for the first fifty years of her life in a farm house and spent much of her time out of doors. 2. When tired of working in her garden she went to her embroidery, and with characteristic Holland-Dutch industry was always busy, though never compelled to drudgery.

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years alone, but that nature has preference for "the simple life" has rarely been shown more conclusively than in the case of the pleasant old lady who enters upon her second century cheerful and smiling and is still so feminine as to beglad to know that her hair and combs are "all straight" when she receives her callers.

"BLIND TOM'S" OLD MOTHER

Charity Wiggins, a colored woman, said to be 105 years old, who died here last week in a little tumble down shanty on the outskirts of the city, was the mother of Blind Tom, one of the greatest prodigies the musical world has ever known. She was born in slavery and belonged to the family of General James N. Bethune, wealthy Georgians, who lived near Columbus. She was the mother of twenty children, of whom the noted pianist was originally regarded as the least worthy.

When Tom was born his mother belonged to Colonel Wiley Jones, of Georgia, and not long after his birth she and her children were sold to General Bethune. Tom being blind and considered worthless, was "thrown in," that is to say, in the transaction no valuation was set upon him. When the child was 3 years old, according to the story of his mother, told just before she died, he developed a great fondness for music. General Bethune's daughters were accomplished musicians, and the chief delight of the blind boy, who was allowed to crawl about the yard wearing a single garment—a shirt—was to get under the window and listen to the young women playing the piano.

Tom's birth raises an interesting question in psychology, and has been the subject of comment in the lectures of some of the most eminent men of science in the country. Just before his birth there were several young women at the home of his mother's owner, all musicians. They played on the piano in the evenings, and frequently had Tom's mother to dance for them, a duty which fell lightly on the shoulders of the negress, who violently loved not only the dancing, but the music. She took advantage of every opportunity to hear the piano, and seemed enchanted with its melodies. She had a good memory, and learned many of the selection, though not able to play herself. This is believed by many scientific men to account, largely if not wholly, for the wonderful talent of her son. In her declining years the old woman delighted to tell stories illustrating the peculiar and remarkable accomplishments of her blind offspring. She always denied that he had only intelligence in music, and she resented the idea that his gift of music was purely mechanical.

When "Blind Tom" was at the height of his fame some years ago, having won renown in this country and Europe, he invited his mother to go to New York and be his companion. She went for five years had every comfort of life, but she was supremely unhappy because she was removed from her old surroundings and associates. Accordingly she returned to the little two-room cabin which General Bethune before his death had built for her on his old Georgia plantation. There she and two of her daughters remained until last April, when her daughters removed to Birmingham. The old woman came with them, and the trio, on account of illness and natural infirmities, became poverty stricken. The mother of the musician took to her bed in July and never rose, dying last Tuesday, the oldest of her twenty children is more than 65 years.

Her body was taken back to the scenes of her childhood, near Columbus, Ga., for burial, benevolent white people paying the funeral expenses.—Birmingham Age Herald.

MARY MACLANE AND A TIP.

Among the little foibles of the remarkable young lady from Butte is one which is told by a former secretary of Edmund Clarence Stedman, who lunched with Mary MacLane at a downtown restaurant recently. After lunch was over Mary MacLane said to her friend: "Now, you just let me fix the tip the way I want."

Will Shorten His Signature.

Stress of business and the dearth of time will lead to a change in President Roosevelt's signature. He has always been accustomed to write out his first name in full, but he finds that it will save him about 50 per cent of time and trouble to make it simply T. Roosevelt. Where a man has to sign his name about 1,000 times a day, it makes a big difference. There is a man in the office of the auditor for the postoffice department who, it is said, owes his appointment largely to the fact that his signature contains but five letters. He is Second Deputy Auditor K. Chew. He does little but sign his name, and he does that for about eight hours a day steadily.

Slower Than Philadelphia.

A Philadelphia member of the state legislature was recently showing some Harrisburg friends around the city hall and took them into Mayor Ashbridge's room. His honor made himself very agreeable to the visitors, as is his wont, and had a hearty "Glad to have met you" for them as they were departing. One of the strangers, much impressed by the mayor's cordiality, lingered long enough to say: "If you're ever up in our town, come to see me. I'll treat you right. You've never been to Harrisburg, have you?"

Pettus as a Speech Writer.

When Senator Spooner was finishing his Philippine speech, Senator Pettus, who is eighty-one, sat steadily writing at his desk for more than an hour, but at the same time apparently listening to what Senator Spooner was saying. "What's he writing?" asked Senator Millard of Senator Scott. "Don't know," replied Scott, "but it seems too long for a letter."

Very Like a Bull.

In a Biofontein journal appears the following notice: SECOND EDITION. A series of accidents has unfortunately necessitated an apology for the non-appearance of the first edition. Which, to say the least of it, is very Irish.—London Express.

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AN IVORY ARROW.

An Eskimo arrow of walrus ivory found imbedded deep in the breast of a Canadian gray goose is on exhibition in a gun store at Spokane. The goose was shot a few days ago by John Cochran near Liberty lake. As he picked up the big honker, weighing fourteen pounds, he was surprised to see a little piece of ivory sticking out from its breast for two inches.

A Runaway Locomotive.

About ten years ago I called upon Chauncey M. Depew at his home, 27 West Fifty-fourth street, writes Tip in the New York Press. He was at dinner, and in that friendly way of his sent word that he would be up in two minutes; I must make myself at home, etc. As it was a professional call and I was seeking an interview I bided my time. On the mantelpiece in the reception room was a diminutive locomotive, which I investigated. It appeared to be a model of one of the New York Central flippers, but I had no idea that the thing had motion. We got down on the floor together, and suddenly it started off at a mile a minute (more or less), tearing along the hall with me after it. The blamed little thing ran straight into the dining room and was caught under the table by Mr. Depew himself.

Maximum Value of Land.

The maximum values of land in the north Atlantic states were reached in 1880, and the falling off during the past decade has been specially marked. In the south Atlantic and south central states farm values reached a high mark in 1860. The heavy drop of ten years later reflects the havoc of civil war. Since that time the trend of values in these states has been upward. In the west the values have rapidly advanced. The only apparent exception is the last decade. But the lower figures for 1900 are due to the large amount of cheap land thrown open to the public.—Mahin's Magazine.

Menelek's Clocks.

The Emperor Menelek, among his other hobbies, takes great interest in clocks, and several chronometers have recently been imported from Switzerland by M. Hg, his Swiss adviser, which vary no more than six seconds in two months. Ras Makonnen has also ordered several curious mechanical clocks from Swiss firms for presentation to the negus and the empress. The most remarkable of these is a great chiming clock to imitate that of St. Margaret's, Westminster, London.

Plucky Mrs. Seton.

Ernest Seton, whose studies of animal life have delighted so many readers, for twenty years has been noting by word or sketch every small fact he discovered. Among them are innumerable footprints of wild animals, most of which he gives Mrs. Seton credit for obtaining. She has often gone into an animal's cage in the New York zoo and, with the keeper's assistance, cajoled the creature into walking to and fro on light brown paper, which would show its tracks.

A Witty Convict.

George J. Charlton, general passenger agent of the Alton road, is in receipt of a novel recommendation dated at Joliet, Ill.: "Five years ago I used your road to Joliet and have not used any other since." The writer does not sign his name, but gives his number. His term is evidently not yet expired.

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